MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know from the Government how many peons are there in public service, who are qualified and eligible for appointment as teachers, who have applied through the department?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: I cannot give it off-hand. But this morning I received from the Public Service Commissioner a letter saying that two peons have been selected as Accountants.

Confirmation of Teachers.

223 ❋ MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when did the last confirmation of teachers of the Rs. 22—28 scale take place;

(*b*) what was the basis on which those confirmations were made;

(*c*) how many of them have not yet been confirmed;

(*d*) how many of them are occupying permanent places; and

(*e*) why they have been not yet confirmed?

MR. A. N. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) 1-6-1120.

(*b*) Strict seniority.

(*c*) About 200.

(*d*) About 40.

(*e*) Pending preparation of gradation list.

MR. D. THOMAS: May I know how this seniority is determined? Is it by taking into consideration the date of first appointment, or by counting his total service?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Ordinarily seniority is decided according to the date of appointment, to the grade.

MR. D. THOMAS: May I know if in any case the total service has been taken into consideration?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI: Total service has been taken into consideration in case of candidates who have the same length of continuous service.

Resolution of the meeting under the auspices of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha.

224. ❋ MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are in receipt of the resolution of the meeting held recently at Nagercoil under the auspices of the local branch of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, to celebrate the Hindi Week;

(*b*) what action have they taken to provide the various high schools of the State with Hindi teachers; and

(*c*) which of the high schools in the Trivandrum Division have not yet been thus provided and why?

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